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moving the door at a decreasing rate of speed from the open position to the closed position during rotation of the rotatable member at a constant rate of speed and unwinding the web from overlapping relation around the rotatable member in a direction opposite the one direction.

19. The method of Claim 18 including: operating a reversible electric motor at a constant rate of speed to rotate the rotatable member at a constant rate of speed.

20. The method of Claim 18 wherein: the door is moved at an increasing rate of speed during the entire movement of the door from the closed to the open positions thereof, and the door is moved at a decreasing rate of speed during the entire movement of the door from the open to the closed positions thereof.

REMARKS

Clean copies of Claims 12 and 18 to 20 are enclosed.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Applicant is the inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,617 issued March 13, 2001. This application, a division of Application Serial No. 09/314,529 that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,199,617, has method Claims 1 to 12 and apparatus Claims 13 to 17. All of the prior art listed in U.S. Patent No. 6,199,617 is of record in this application.

Application Serial No. 09/314,529 was filed with 49 claims for an apparatus for opening and closing a bi-fold door. Claims 50 to 54 were added by an amendment and subsequently cancelled without prejudice. Method claims were not included in Application Serial No. 09/314,529.

Claims 50 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Keller '914* in view of *Ballyns et al.* Claim 52 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Keller '914* in view of *Ballyns et al* and further in view of *Spangle*. Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over *Keller '914* in view of *Ballyns et*